THE BROKEN (OIN

A Story of Mystery and Adventure From the Scenario by GRACE CUNARD

SYNOPSIS.

Kitty Gray, newspaper women, finds in curic shop hair of a brolem coin, the sufficient inscription on which arcuses or curiestly and leads her, at the order ther managing office, to so to the principality of Gretzbooffen to piece out the ory suggested by the inscription. She is these adventures while chasing the scuret the brotten coin begin.

steady feetfall advancing to the door, heard the calm voice of Count Frederick himself.

"Gentlemen!"

The introders, whatever the errand of each, took their eyes from one another and turned now, recognizing yet another man who scarce had come in

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

CHAPTER XXV.

Divided.

As Katty approached the little room storm center in the affairs of the Gretz search more orderly." hoffen coin-there came to her the missing portion of the coin, and who surprised at the sudden interruption sent meof her labors, just at the moment of

cised weapon, she swerved aside in- other part of the palace, my dear sir?" ttinctively-called out instinctively for

a strong man's arm, and her first if there has been any mistake-" ught was of the faithful servant self to her own varying fortunes. And | flushing. Roleau came hastening from his watching place outside the door.

man-who now suddenly had en- head. tered-and who menaced Kitty, so into the conflict, careless of the threat a cry-"

ty did not quite forsake her. She had taken it from her. stooped and regained one of the half

not join her in flight-but he heard gretfully the bit of metal in his hand.



Mouth.

stranger-whom now he saw to be one time to recognize one another as they ness.

Very naturally the sounds of all this overpowering than any she yet had about him. When one of his house tell. Now, without doubt, she was confusion could not be concealed. The known. Instead of her own apart-hold placed a message in his hand, for once more to be subjected to the scant to investigate the cause of this. They by four burren walls-in what edifice hastened in the direction of the up or in what place, she could not guess. had found in his own room, the latter roar, but their advance was stayed by There seemed some sort of door

palace himself. The men in the room, as they height as to be almost beyond her

paused for breathing space, heard a steady footfall advancing to the door,

another man who scarce had come in the floor at her feet. friendship

"You honor me greatly, gentlemen," coolness in any extraordinary situa-"But might I ask why you care thus to disarrange my apartment? the window.

"I was sent back by my master," be- acquaintance with her own plans. conviction that there might be others gan the stranger-who was none other inkling as to the whereabouts of the delph in Count Sachlo's good graces. "He had left certain of his belongmight therefore arrive upon the scene ings-some silver cases of the tollet, fare badly." at much the same time as that of her | Monsleur le Comte-he did not trouble own visit. She was not altogether to ask you about them, and now he

"Indeed! That is most plausible! But why seek for them in my rooms, As she saw herself the object of a when his quarters were in quite an-

"As to that," replied the other with calm effrontery, "I cannot say. I only "Roleau!" she exclaimed, for, wom- came here because the servants told anlike, she had learned the value of me that this was the room. Of course, "Cease, I say," exclaimed Count

who so strangely had attached him Frederick, frowning now, his face

He turned from Roleau to the other intruder in his apartments. Roleau He saw the little room occupied by stood dumb. The other shook his

"Monsieur le Comte," said he, "thethat, to save her life as she supposed, young woman was here when I enshe was on the point of surrendering | tered-when this man also entered. him both pieces of the coin. The She passed yonder-when she had the ight of his mistress in danger was opportunity-and took with her one enough for Roleau. With his custom- half the coin. There lies the other on ary battle cry he plunged immediately | your floor. She disappeared-we heard

ening weapon. In the melee the two | Count Frederick stooped and picked nalf coins both were dropped upon the up the object pointed out to him. It was his own half of the coin-or that Even now the ruling impulse of Kit- which he had called his own-since he

So then, he reflected, she had found soins, but the struggling men, shifting the way to his most secret hiding here and there in the room, kept her place-she was on the very point of from securing the other. In the blind success when this last contretemps Instinct for escape she fled now to had interfered with her plans. A new open hall, taking that direction feeling of admiration for her keenwhich ket back from the front of the ness and persistence once more came to Count Frederick's beart. For a Roleau heard her pass, and could moment he stood regarding half-re-

"I shall not offer this trinket to could only guess. His energies were you, my friend," said he grimly to fully occupied by the combat with this the man Bartel, as he pocketed the coin, "for of course you were not looking for coins-only toilet articles-silver ones, did you say, sir? You shall take back an excellent set of my own to Count Sachio, with my compliments. Tell him that it would seem ill to me that any guest of mine should suffer risk of loss either to his person or his property while he was beneath-

> With these stinging words, which brought color to the other's face, Count Frederick turned coolly away, and once more faced Roleau. That was in his face now which did not beman's cool gray eyes,

CHAPTER XXVI

Solitary Cenfinement. contemplate continued flight. Once taken from her. time of stress. She turned back, have given her great joy to see.

of Count Sachio's men. He had noted that some pungent aromatic drug fell to work at the bars which had re- who led the forces now. him at the hunting lodge. He himself filled the car with its fumes. She strained her. had not time to reason as to the pres- straggled less viciently. Events Meantime, at the scene from which Kitty at length managed to make her ence of this new factor in the general seemed to pass by her in a dream, she had been so unceremoniously ab escape through the burred window, it mbrogilo, but at last, able to bring and she regarded them carelessly, structed but now, Count Frederick re- was but to and herself once more a his own weapons into play, he stayed apathetically. In short, either in part mained still pondering on the strange prisoner—Roleau ence more a prisoner the issue for a time. They both had or in whole, she had lost conscious events which had been brought home with her! The fact of captivity had

ing what the other was doing here. | a terror which seemed to her more Very naturally the sounds of all this overpowering than any she yet had were to extraordinary circumstances lodge of his quondam friend, Count al palace. hereabouts, the servants could not fall Sachlo, she found herself surrounded command of the master of the yes. There was a small, high, berred cape from the place and to find him window; but the latter was at such own master, Count Sachie himself-

came in, bringing some food for her. which she had ever known, but got no answer. The old woman shook her curses of all incompetence. head, and after a time retreated silently as she had come.

Getting no answer to her appeal for senger. help, Kitty sat down once more, fightabout her. She sat moody and stient, The intruders, whatever the errand digently any course of action. She silent." was brought to herself somewhat by

It was a bit of stone wrapped tight- caped you?" ly in a little wad of paper, Surely the room. It must have come through other man to do so."

Had I known your own curiosity re. She opened the paper and smoothed of the count's palace-which before garding it, I might have asked some it out. As she read it she wondered servant-he follows her like a doghow had proved to be something of a of my servints to assist you in a how many other persons there were in and fights like one." this strange country who could claim

"Better write an imaginary story for eside herself who would have some than Bartel, the late successor to Ru- your paper and return to America. Interested in the coin came all at Give up the coins and you will gain once." your freedom. Refuse and you will

For the time Kitty was of the who waited for him impatiently had left him. Now he learned that fair could be undertaken de novo, my

How long she had thus remained the count, "why the delay? What's communication which he desired to she will come back again." she could not tell, when at length the wrong? You are not going to tell me make to Count Frederick at once.

"The count remined one-half the own to trouble me sufficiently." coin," went on the unfortunate mes- Nevertheless, grumbling, he went The girl-the young American-got will was something not yet at least to ing herself to retain her faculties, her the other piece. I saw her pick it up. be set nelde. calm, her poise. Escape? How could But she did not get both! I don't "Good! Count Frederick," Michael there be hope for that? For once she know which one she did get, but I greated him. "I asked your return bewas at her wit's end as she looked know that each has one-half—the cause of a sudden thought that had Releau—had found once more proof count and the girl. She must have come to my mind." too dazed, suffering too much, too un- been carried away by some other certain in her own mind to plan intel- man. I heard her scream, then all was come to you alone, unassisted?"

"So all escaped you? It is another to concern himself with sarcasm. hearing the tinkie of some object on matter what I myself may have done as to the girl and the coin-they es-

"Yes, excellency, naturally I could said Count Frederick with his usual it had been meant as some communi- not prevent the man from escaping. cation to her-from someone outside and the count himself allowed the

> What other man?" "Roleau, they called him-the girl's

beside yourself?"

"Naturally, the competition asks unick work of all of us. And we will



An Old Woman Came In Bringing Some Food for Her-

strange words suddenly speak remorselessness, revengeful brought Kitty back to a train of act quickly. Tell me, what happened ness. No, something softer lay in the thought which for the time had been then?" broken. She felt quickly at her besom When Kitty in her blad impulse of Count Frederick's palace to this place whelly faithless servant. He did not self-preservation sprang out of count -long or short whether it had been, punish him-but even sent him off Prederick's room, she aid not at first she could not tell—the coin had been after the girl! Excellency, my word

paused just outside the door once. Apparently same eye had caught be. For myrell, I cannot guesa:

so close to him. He was too much not changed only the phases of capstood, the one as much haffed as the When at length she fully regained preoccupied in his concern over the tivity. She and her ally had only exother, and neither quite comprehend her senses she was alone alone with young woman's disappearance to note changed captors. Who her last prison carefully anything else that went on guardian had been Kitty could not scream of a woman had rung widely ments in her hotel, instead of the room the time he gard at it, scarce come courtesy of the nobleman of Grahofthrough the halls, and used us they of Count Frederick or the hunting prehending that it came from the roy fen.

> Since he had left unattended the servant of Count Sachio, whom he seized the present opportunity to es-

"The Count Frederick allowed her and at her waist for the bit of cala to escape-strangely, he seemed to which she had brought away from have small resentment for her after be done?" Count Frederick's room. It was gone! all. Nor did he have too much for At some time during her journey from Roleau, whom he must have ranked a for it, he seemed to miss the girl as out of reach of immediate danger, she Kitty sprang to the sill of the little much as the coin-did Count Fred-

abandon her stout-hearted ally in his She sank back, not seeing what would Roleau-if you can find him-he will more to visit the royal palace with a tened. Kitty turned to it with bur Discovery, start the treatment at lend you to the girl, wherever the may

more. As she did so, yet another door sight of her face, brief as had been list. It was this counsel, followed diliopening into the hall was pushed appearance. In truth, Roleau, hound-gently by the unhappy messenger of silently ajar-opened fully. Yet an like, had run his game to earth. It Count Sachie, which resulted in a other man whom never in her life was he who had caught eight of her quick shifting of the forces of Kitty's had she seen before, now stepped out. just for an instant. Later she heard, enemies. It was true Roleau had She felt a hard hand close upon her once more the tinkling of some falling gained access to a point within sight mouth, more than half-stifling her object upon the floor. She picked it of Kitty's window, where still he scream for help. "Silencet" she heard up-it was a substantial file, which tried to be of aid to her-still hoped She Felt a Hard Hand Closs Upon Her his voice insist. "Go on ahead of me evidently had been dung through the she seen would be able to mid herself. Once more Kitty undertook to window by sorecome having the intent But here he was surprised by these scream, and again the firm hand to aid her. This thought gave her hope, emissaries of Count Sachio-it was stopped her voice. It seemed to her Almost as soon as she grasped it she none less than the nobleman himself

Therefore whea, after all her toll,

CHAPTER XXVII.

The Counterfelt Coin.

The shamefaced look of the other leave him but he asks me back at tion of his wishes, knew nothing of the Kitty tried her in every language gave him his own answer. Count once. He is always in some trouble, deeper machinations of the keen brain Sachio himself gave way to hearty and I am ill-disposed now to be nurse which he fancied still was in his serve to any king, for I have affairs of my ice.

"I don't know which it was: his way to the palace, for the royal

"Yes, assuredly. It is regarding the "The coin! I thought your majesty. cared little for it—so little that you hearing, but now she began to plan Detroit76 gave it away unasked to one who is once more.

not even of our country-a strangerthe young American." "Precisely. That is true. And I had "So, there were two others present the young American has disappeared, stood once more face to face with Philadelphia33 and so has the coin. Perhaps, rather, "Yes, it seemed as though everyone I should reverse that, and say that the ocin has disappeared and with it the, young American. At least, that is to

> for you, my dear Frederick, to tell me but half concealing his real feelings, men of this country in this way show gauging the man before him, this imi-

tation of a king. "She was a most charming young conceal his own thoughts, "Do you neither." not think such hair as hers is rare?"

in all things rare," suddenly exclaimed the count. 'And where is she gone?" "I do not know-I have no idea."

can bring her back." very much. But then, as to the coin?" he added, somewhat maliciously-for

he knew well enough where sat the have." wind in royal quarters. "Oh, yes, about the coin. Well, I ever leave it, mademoiselle?" was only going to ask you to find it

"That seems simple, your majesty! Even though I do not know where the

young girl is." "That is why I ask you, my dear

what use is a servant of the king if he cannot do the king's will? I accept your errand. I will soon return to you the coin-at least, I hope so. After all, perhaps it has no such value right do you demand my return?" as you seem to think-I am sure it has less value for you than other things, that we might mention."

Count Frederick did not add aloud what was in his own mind-the truth -that the coin had more value for him than he at any time before now

had believed. Presently he excused himself from the royal presence and departed to put into-effect a little plan of his own which he fancied might blunt both good advice?" naivete of King Michael so suddenly

half of the coin. Count Frederick thought for a mo-

the counter his piece of the coin-"a and ready to return to your own counreplica of this-absolutely, line for try. This land, mademoiselle, can line, so that I myself cannot tell the keep its own secrets-it could even

"it can be done-so nicely that I my will reconcider what you have said." self scarcely could tell them apart."

Frederick. "How soon?"

you a duplicate." It was therefore on the morrow possible. paused, loath to leave what she had window and peered out for an income there to obtain, and losth also to stant; but her hold was too feeble. Follow that Count Frederick was able once. The other door still remained fasmind more at peace with circum- giarlous intent-using an art learned stances. With him he carried what when she was a schoolgirl. With no was apparently the king's half of the better instrument than a hairpin, she coin which he had given to the young had seen wonders done at opening American so carelessiy, and which locks. now at once he coveted again-since Her brisk interchange of compli-

> are the acme of punctiliousness and ed to get out-she wanted to escape, efficiency, my dear count. You are and she proposed to escape. Once indeed a man of results. Go now to more free, she admitted to herself, she my cabinet again and help yourself to would be willing enough to take the such fewels as you fancy."

you. If I have been of service I am back home, to see the familiar sky pleased. Jewels are not for me. They line of her own city, to find her own are for women-and no woman has place back in the smoky and grimy jewels from me now. I have reformed, city, her own place in the hum and strictions upon Jewish residence in your majesty. I shall be taking my grind of the old newspaper. How self to a monastery next."

companion. "Not so far as that for she would go back home me," he said. "I am not yet ready for And now, with schoolgirl finesse in and places under the jurisdiction of when I see them, well as ever. And I in her burglary. She felt the lock turn see them yet again-when I gave her it-and closed it again. as our gift this which you have re- " Back of her she heard once more in that. But should the same case opened. She turned-to encounter come up again for action-should she once more the figure of Count Sachio, Count Prederick finally aroused by intent or accident meet us again- He smiled at her as once more he himself from the apathy of inaction I am in possession once more of what entered unaunounced. in which Kitty's sudden disappearance formerly was mine. Perhaps the af-

belief that her senses must teave her count. She gave it to you to forever. The sense of solitude was a been established. attendance at the palace as soon as return to me? Well, no matter, only I poignant torture. "Well, well, then, Bartel," exclaimed might be. The king had, it seemed, as hope that in some way, on some day,

"I trust it, your majesty," said Count close-fitting door in one side of the the same story that Rudolph brought "Confound his royal highness!" ex- Frederick fervently; and the deluded four walls opened. An old woman —you have not falled!" claimed Frederick to himself. "I never monarch, pleased at the quick execu-

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Kitty, left alone once more, found "Good! Count Frederick," Michael herself in better heart than she had been but now. At least, she had seen of his faithfulness and his efficiency.

"As to what, your majesty? Did it, Surely he would help her to escape yet again. And as for Sachio-better he, The king was too much preoccupied of whom she knew something, than a stranger of whom she knew nothing at all. Of late despair had been knock ing at her heart in such fashion that the summons of opportunity found no

She sought to study the exits of the apartment in which she found herself. There were two doors, so it seemed, cause for my act. But, see you, one both fastened. She pushed strongly does not make gifts unrequited. Now at one; it opened before her. She Count Sachio, the mocking conspirator who had of late had so much to do with her own misfortunes!

"Mademoiselle!" said he, "I am so say-they both are gone. So I sent pleased."

"For myself," rejoined Kitty indignantly, "I was never so much dis-The nobleman stood for a moment, pleased as I am now. So the gentletheir quality-in their treatment of women? I compliment you."

"Your words are at least better than

"And what of me? What shall I Buffalo58 inal? Nay, a criminal would be treat- Baltimore40 ed better in my country-he would have a trial. There would be process of law, observance of the law. Is the "But you can find her-you certainly habeas corpus writ a thing unknown & in this country-have the people never | # 2 "I hope it, your majesty-I hope it yet wrung that right from the hands of tyrants? In my country there are some recourses which any citizen may

"Your own country? Why dld you

"The reasons concern me alone, sir." "Indeed, you mistake—they do not Topeka60 come from America. There are many, St. Joseph41 71 reasons moving to that. And, indeed, "Agreed then, your majesty. Of we even ask your return to your own country."

"So, then, it was your message to me that I got? Most melodramatic WERRENESSER of you, Count Sachio-but by what

"There are some large rights, planation."

"But which allow you to hinder me in the performance of my own dutiesto ask me to be unfaithful to my em- Indianapolis64. ployers? Why, you even ask me to Kansas City deceive the public-to present a coun- Milwaukee 51 terfeit-to pretend that I have done Cleveland54

what I have not done." "So? And you cannot take such

horns of this dilemma into which the tend, to counterfeit—those are attributes of your kingdom, not of my own As luck would have it, there had have better standards-men and womcountry, America. In my country we been thrown into his hands the king's en alike—for which I heartily am Denison glad."

"You have a stinging tongue, ma-he made a hurried journey to a cer der his swarthy skin. "Perhaps it will Muskogee" tain, silversmith in whose skill he had grow milder if left unused. I shall Paris64 two apart. Do you hear me? Can it close over the secret of the disappear- A Doctor's rescription for Cough ance of a young woman-and leave "Yes, excellency," said the workman, her fate a mystery. I trust that you A moment and he had left her once "Then quick with it," said Count more. Before he passed through the door she glanced beyond. The room "By tomorrow, excellency, I promise was occupied, apparently, by his friends-escape on that side was im-

the young American herself was gone. ments with Count Sachio had set her "So soon!" exclaimed Michael. "You pulses stirring once more. She wantich jewels as you fancy."

advice which but now she had "No more, your majesty, I thank scorned—willing enough to take ship elf to a monastery next." good it would seem to her now to see
King Michael laughed loudly at this the faces of the local room. They jest on the part of his former been might chaff her all they liked. Yes,

any monastery. I swear I can remem- the employment of the small instruber a queen's face and a queen's figure ment at her disposal, she succeeded saw them both here not so long ago. at last-felt it give-saw that she I thought I had secured the chance to could open the door. She did open

stored to me now. It seems I failed the creak of the other door as it

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